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Demand for Probe Of CIA Is Echoed By Student Group

By The Associated Press

Officials of the National Student Association concurred with demands by some members of Congress yesterday for a full-scale investigation of the Central Intelligence Agency's involvement with private groups.

The association said that pending development of such an inquiry, it will turn over its records to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

At the same time, congressional supporters of the undercover agency's operations defended its activities against the latest in a series of disclosures and criticisms of the CIA's dealings with student groups, foundations and a labor union.

Eugene Groves, NSA president, said the association's records will be handed to the Senate committee to hold pending an official investigation. His announcement came after an all-day meeting of the NSA supervisory board.

Hopes for Full Probe

Groves said he hoped the Foreign Relations Committee "will be able to conduct a full investigation."

The chairman of the Democratic Study Group, Rep. Frank Thompson Jr., D-N.J., said:

"The more disclosures there are, the more need there is for an immediate investigation by a joint committee of Congress."

Thompson, saying he was shaken by the latest reports, declared that "it's obvious that a great many groups and people have been compromised" by the CIA activities. The study group he heads is an organization of liberal Democratic House members.

Rep. William F. Ryan, D-N.Y., said, "I think there's no question but that the Congress should step in and investigate the entirety of the CIA's involvement in domestic affairs and what it's doing abroad."

"The question before the country is the extent to which an almost-secret, almost-independent agency of the government has been affecting our policy and has also been subverting the values of a free society."

Rivers Sees No Wrong

But the chairman of the House subcommittee that supervises the CIA, Rep. Melvin Rivers, D-S.C., said his group had kept watch on all CIA activities and had found no wrongdoing.

Rivers, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee as well as its CIA subcommittee, said of alleged threats to jail students who divulged the NSA connection with CIA: "I don't believe the CIA did that."

Rivers' subcommittee questioned CIA Director Richard Helms Friday and said afterword that no students or NSA Foreign Relations Committee staff had been used for espionage. Rivers said he knew nothing of statements by NSA leaders that some of them had been given draft deferments.

As for payment of money to students, a Republican subcommittee member, Rep. William H. Bates of Massachusetts, said: "Of course they have received money—that was the idea."

Students Asked for It

But he added that the CIA did not go to this organization (the NSA)—the organization asked for help."

The subcommittee issued a statement Friday commending the CIA for giving money to the

students and said the purpose was "to counter Communist attempts to take over" student organizations in the non-Communist world.

One of the intelligence agency's strongest senatorial critics, Eugene J. McCarthy, D-Minn., said that "we must continue to press for greater congressional control" over the CIA because it could become an "arm over which nobody can be held responsible."

Democratic Leader Sen. Mike Mansfield of Montana said he hopes an appropriate Senate committee will look into the allegations "so incidents of this nature involving the NSA should not arise in the future."

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